

DEATH RATE FOR DROWNING

Objective

By 1990 the death rate from drowning should be reduced to no more than 1.5 per 100,000 persons.

Explanatory Notes

Includes ICD codes E830, 832 and 910 of both the Eighth and Ninth revisions.

Finding

The North Carolina drowning rate has consistently exceeded the nation's and is not expected to reach the target rate of 1.5. The higher North Carolina rate is probably related to above-average exposure due to the availability of bodies of water in this state. Nationally, the achievement of this objective appears questionable (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics

United States: National Center for Health Statistics